supplies foodgrains to States/UTs for issue through fair price shops at Central Issue Prices (CIP) which are subsidised. In RPDS areas the CIP is further subsidised and is Rs. 50 per quintal less than CIP for normal PDS areas, States/UTs have also been advised to add not more than 25 paise per kg. over and above CIP while fixing the end retail prices in RPDS areas. The States/UTs are free to further subsidise the prices on their own while fixing the end retail prices for fair price shops. Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Orissa, Gujarat, Maharashtra extend further subsidy from their own funds. The Central Government does not give additional subsidy for such schemes of States/UTs.

Jobs for Educated Unemployed Youth in Uttar Pradesh

2191. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Graduate/Under graduate/Post-graduate unemployed youths registered with the employment exchanges in the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have launched any speedy programme to provide jobs to all those unemployed persons during the period of 1996-97, 1997-98 and the number of youths employed during the 1995-96 till date; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The number of educated (matric & above) job-seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, who were on the Live register of employment exchanges in Uttar Pradesh as at the end of 1991, 1992 and 1993 (latest available) is indicated below:

(In thousands)

Year	Under Graduate (Matric & above but below Graduate)	Graduate	Post-Graduate
1991	1501.9	325.8	75.1
1992	1429.6	291.6	72.1
1993	1340.4	274.4	64.7

(c) and (d) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan. The Plan envisages a strategy for accelerated growth of productive employment opportunities in the country, based on faster growth of employment intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities. In addition to various employment geneation schemes, the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana aimed at providing self-employment opportunities to the educated unemployed youth, is being implemented in all the States.

The number of job-seekers placed in employment during the year 1995-96 by the employment exchanges in U.P. was 10 thousand.

Performance of Publice Sector Enterprises

2192. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a well-deserved focus on the need to make the Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) perform better;

(b) if so, steps being taken by Government in this behalf;

(c) whether root cause of their problems lies in many unhealthy practices that affect their functioning and which go against public interest;

(d) if so, the details of the unhealthy practices alongwith the steps Government have taken to remove them;

(c) whether Government are considering a Code of Conducts as was there for recent elections, details thereof; and

(f) whether it is a fact that Government are considering accountablity and autonomy to the PSEs, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) Performance improvement of public sector enterprises is a desirable and continuous process. Government have taken various steps like signing of MOUs with the managements of PSUs, delegation of enhanced powers, professionalisation of management, reference of sick PSUs to BIFR for formulation of revival/restructuring plans, reduction of surplus manpower through VRS, technology upgradation, research and development, energy conservation, etc. in this regard. In addition, the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments also hold performance review meetings periodically.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) There are various institutional mechanism to ensure accountablity of the public enterprises. As regards autonomy, management of PSUs enjoy large scale of autonomy under their articles of association. Government also delegate enhanced powers to the PSUs from time to time in order to ensure their operational freedom.

Setting up of Sugar Mills on Co-operative Basis

2193. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the number of sugar mills set up in the country on co-operative basis, so far;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to set up some sugar mills in the country during 1996-97;

(c) if so, the States where these new sugar mills are proposed to be set up;

(d) whether Government have a proposal to set up some sugar mills in Orissa; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to set up a sugar mill at Nawarnagpur in that State?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) As on 31.7.96, there were 247 installed sugar mills in cooperative sector in the country.

(b) and (c) During the finaancial year 1996-97, upto 31.7.96, 10 proposals have been received through the Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for setting up of new sugar mills in the country. The State-wise break-up is as under :-

Sl. No.	State	Number of proposals
1.	Uttar Pradesh	2
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Tamil Nadu	4
4.	Karnataka	3
	Total	10

(d) As on 31.7.96, 5 letters of intent issued by the Ministery of Industry for setting up of new sugar mills in the State of Orissa were pending implementation.

(e) A letter of intent was granted to M/s Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Orissa Ltd. (IPICOL) for establishment of a new sugar unit of 2500 TCD capacity at Nawrangpur, district Koraput, Orissa. The name in the letter of intent has been changed as M/s Orissa Sugars Ltd. to implement the project. The location of the proposed sugar factory has been changed form Newrangpur to Borigumma in the same district as per